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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds services to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: *Date added to the Procurement List:* October 18, 2020

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-4149.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On 5/22/2020, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed additions to the Procurement List. This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503 (a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the service listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501-8506 and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the service to the Government.
2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.
3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of

the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 8501-8506) in connection with the service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following service is added to the Procurement List:

Service

Service Type: Document Management / Document Conversion

Mandatory for: Army National Guard, Temple Army Readiness Center, Arlington, VA

Mandatory Source of Supply: Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, Washington, DC; Lighthouse for the Blind of Houston, Houston, TX;

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE ARMY, W39L USA NG READINESS CENTER

The Committee finds good cause to dispense with the 30-day delay in the effective date normally required by the Administrative Procedure Act. See 5 U.S.C. § 553(d). This addition to the Committee's Procurement List is effectuated because of the expiration of the current U.S. Army National Guard contract. The Federal customer contacted, and has worked diligently with the AbilityOne Program to fulfill this service need under the AbilityOne Program. To avoid performance disruption, and the possibility that the U.S. Army National Guard will refer its business elsewhere, this addition must be effective on September 28, 2020, ensuring timely execution for a September 28, 2020, start date while still allowing 10 days for comment. Pursuant to its own regulation 41 C.F.R. § 51-2.4, the Committee conducted an impact analysis on the current contractor and found that there was not severe adverse impact on the current contractor. The Committee also published a notice of proposed Procurement List addition in the Federal Register on May 22, 2020, and did not receive any comments from any interested persons, including from the incumbent contractor. This addition will not create a public hardship and has limited effect on the public at large, but, rather, will create new jobs for other affected parties - people with significant disabilities in the AbilityOne program who otherwise face challenges securing employment. Moreover, this addition will enable Federal customer operations to continue without interruption.

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